

## Natural Area Inventory

The Natural Heritage Program has a team of biologists that collect data on rare species and natural areas. Some examples of our projects include:

- Completing natural area inventories for all 100 North Carolina counties.
- Conducting site-specific surveys at Fort Bragg and the South Mountains.
- Searching for longleaf pine forests and coastal goldenrod plants.

A statewide network of biologists also shares data with the Natural Heritage Program to promote conservation throughout North Carolina. Some of the partners we work with include:

- Biologists at state and federal agencies.
- Private contractors.
- Environmental consulting firms.
- Academic researchers.
- Naturalists.



### Photos

- 1 Gray's lily (*Lilium grayi*) by Ryan Elting
- 2 Allegheny onion (*Allium allegheniense*) by James Padgett
- 3 (background) Leather-flower (*Clematis crispa*) by Kristen Sinclair
- 4 Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) by Donna MacLennan
- 5 Septima's Clubtail (*Gomphus septima*) by Steve Hall
- 6 Carolina Madtom (*Noturus furiosus*) by NC Wildlife Resources Commission
- 7 Photo by NC Wildlife Resources Commission

